

25 OVER SCHOOLS CLOSE; SHORTAGE TEACHERS CAUSE

DIERSBURG, Tenn., March 22. (Sp.)—One of the most interesting meetings of the teachers of Dyer county was held here at the high school building Sunday. The meeting was presided over by Superintendent of Education R. M. Grille, and had been called primarily to work out some plan to provide a better salary for teachers, but other topics, and especially the shortage of teachers, was discussed; existing conditions were such that it was felt imperative that steps be taken to remedy this.

It was brought out that there were 25 schools in the county closed on account of lack of teachers, and that there were half that number laboring with an insufficient force, thus being prevented from doing work of the character required. A plan was worked out and adopted for the county to expend \$150,000 for teachers. At the present time they are paid about one-half that amount. A committee was appointed to confer with the county court as to the proposed increase. Meanwhile it was proposed to put a drive on and meetings will be held at every school and church in the county for the purpose of educating the public to the necessity of remedying existing conditions. The teachers in the county are paid for the full 12 months, but it is felt that the pay is inadequate; in all the other schools in the county, however, they are paid for the time engaged, which is about nine months per year.

GOOD ROADS MAKE BANKS PROSPEROUS

NEWPORT, Ark., March 22. (Sp.)—A very healthy increase in banking business in Jackson county is shown in statements of conditions at the close of the month of March. The public statements of the three banks of Newport at its recent reports showed on deposit more than \$1,000,000, a combined report of these three with that of five others in the county at smaller towns was considerably more than \$3,000,000. The opening up through the county of gravel roads and highways has increased the marketing of all kinds of farm products, and co-operative shipments of cattle and hogs by farmers, and this is given as one of the reasons for the abundance of money and the increase in bank deposits over former years. Rev. M. C. Durham is called on this year to supply the small farmer, who is becoming more and more self-supporting.

BLTYHEVILLE C. OF C. DIRECTORS ELECT

BLTYHEVILLE, Ark., March 22. (Sp.)—The new board of directors of the chamber of commerce held its first meeting and elected a vice-president, A. G. Burton. The choice of a secretary was filled temporarily by the selection of C. H. Windt, former president, who will guide the affairs of the office until a permanent man can be procured. Mrs. Everett, the office stenographer, has been named assistant and will attend to the office business during the enforced absence of Mr. Windt. The choice of committees will be made by the president, who is taking time to consider the matter thoroughly.

TO LAY KEEL OF NEW BATTLESHIP WEST VA.

NEWPORT NEWS, March 22.—The keel of the battleship West Virginia, sister ship of the Maryland, will be laid here Wednesday on the same ways of that which the Maryland was launched Saturday, according to officials of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company.

The West Virginia will be an exact duplicate of the Maryland in every way except that she will be fitted as a flagship.

Activities Among Memphis Negroes

By Rev. T. O. Fuller.

The Liberty Hotel corporation, capitalized at \$25,000, will place stock on the market this week at \$10 per share. This is not the big hotel project that will be launched this week with \$100,000 authorized capital.

The National Baptist commission is called to meet in Washington, D. C. on March 30.

Services at the various churches were well attended Sunday. Many of the churches began their revivals.

Dr. A. M. Townsend returned from his tour of the state and preached to his congregation Sunday.

The executive board of the Whitehaven District association held an interesting meeting at Elgin church Saturday. Rev. M. C. Durham is chairman of the board.

A pastors' conference was held in South Memphis Saturday. Revs. T. O. Fuller and C. W. Graham spoke in the interest of the financial drive.

The Riverside Union association will hold a pastors' conference at Beale Avenue Baptist church, Rev. J. L. Lewis, pastor, Wednesday, March 24. Rev. B. B. Roberts will preside.

Rev. S. Russell McDuffie is in the city assisting Dr. W. T. Vernon in his revival at Avery Chapel A. M. E. church.

JONESBORO SCOUTS BAN CIGARETS

JONESBORO, Ark., March 22. (Sp.)—A committee of eight Boy Scouts have banded themselves together to stop the sale of cigars in stores. They will go before the Mayor and Lions club next week asking them to back them in the movement and will also take it before the city council asking their support in stopping the illegal sale of cigars to the boys of our city.

They have a line upon the firms that have been making a practice of selling to boys and will prosecute them if they continue.

Rev. Swope Preaches To Large Audience

Rev. W. C. Swope, one of the general evangelists of the M. E. church, South, is preaching to large congregations at Galloway Memorial Methodist church, where he is assisting the pastor, Rev. Frank B. Jones. Rev. Swope is said to be the most rapid speaker in the United States.

An interesting story is told of an old brother who was in the habit of saying "Amen" when a preacher said anything which struck him as being the truth. He went to hear the Rev. Mr. Swope, when he is assisting the pastor, Rev. Frank B. Jones, at Galloway Memorial Methodist church. He sat through the sermon with hand raised and mouth open ready to speak, but not finding an opening, when the sermon was finished, he cried out: "Well bless the Lord."

His delivery is rapid, but his enunciation is so distinct that every word he says is understood.

He has with him as his choir director his daughter, Miss Erin Swope. Her voice is splendidly trained, and she has a large chorus choir to help in the singing. Services are held daily, at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Maintenance Of Way President Resigns

DETROIT, March 22.—Allan E. Barker, grand president of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers, announced today he had resigned that office. The resignation, he said, was accepted by the grand lodge officers on Saturday.

Strain from overwork and the large responsibility attached to his office was given by Mr. Barker as the reason for his resignation. He said he had tendered it a month ago.

ARRESTED IN MEMPHIS; FLEES ARKANSAS PEN

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 22. (Sp.)—E. G. Purcell, convicted of stealing an automobile, who several months ago fled from the penitentiary, taking with him two safe blowers and two automobiles belonging to prison officials, has again escaped. He disappeared from the state convict farm at Tucker yesterday morning, taking Freddie Rice, Port Smith youth, also serving a term for auto stealing, with him. The last time Purcell escaped he was recaptured at Memphis. One of the jailchests was recovered near Pine Bluff. Dick Wilkerson, who escaped from the Cummins farm in 1915 after having served three years of a 10-year murder sentence, walked into the penitentiary yesterday morning and said that he was tired "of dodging the law," and that he wanted to serve the other seven years. He had been free five years. He was sentenced from Lafayette county.

PASTOR ARRIVES TO ASSIST IN REVIVAL

Rev. R. P. Gillespie, pastor of Maxwell Street Presbyterian church of New York, arrived Sunday to assist Rev. J. S. Carpenter, pastor of Evergreen Presbyterian church, in the revival meeting at that church, and will preach there Tuesday night and during the remainder of the series.

At the invitation of Rev. P. D. T. Roberts, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, the Evergreen Presbyterian congregation in a union revival service Monday night. Dr. Carpenter delivered a sermon, taking as his theme "Personal Evangelism." Great interest was displayed on the part of both congregations and there was a warmth of feeling manifested that indicated a successful revival at both churches.

Trinity Methodist and Evergreen Methodist churches will unite Tuesday night at Epworth church, where the Rev. Roberts will preach.

Cook Ovens Ready For Picnic Bands

A glorious opportunity for Sunday, or week day, camping out parties has been overlooked by many a young and old, according to Louis M. Desautels, secretary of the Memphis park commission.

Several Dutch ovens have been erected at Overton park on the picnic ground, but few people have availed themselves of the advantage the city is offering for pleasure. The ovens are for the use of the public, and may be used by picnickers to heat soups or warm up food taken to the park. Wood for the ovens has been placed on the picnic ground. It is free to all.

The ovens are splendid for barbecuing, frying or broiling, according to Louis M. Desautels, who says the people last year did not seem to understand that the ovens were built for their use. "Hot dogs" or wieners, roasted in a small frying pan over one end of the oven make a most delicious dish, according to Wynn Challen, zoo superintendent, who says this particular form of delicacy reaches its pinnacle of fame in Kansas City, where ovens similar to those at Overton have been erected.

Sunshine And Wind Help County Roads

"Thanks to sunshine and wind roads throughout this section are rapidly becoming passable," said J. H. King, of the good roads association, Monday. The low places are being built up as rapidly as possible by the counties, he says, and before long he hopes to be able to route autos through Memphis for any point north or south.

SHOOTS VETERAN; GETS YEAR IN PENITENTIARY

HOCKLEY, Ark., March 22. (Sp.)—"Hawshaw" Herrin, marshal at Walnut Ridge, who recently shot an old and inoffensive citizen named Van-treese of that town in the leg, was tried in the criminal court there and was convicted and given a year in the penitentiary. Herrin has filed motion for a new trial, but it is thought it will be denied.

JONESBORO HAS FIRE

JONESBORO, Ark., March 22. (Sp.)—A fire that occurred at the J. L. C. E. shops yesterday, destroyed the workshop, the old shed the tool shed. The fire department prevented it from spreading to the roundhouse. Origin of the blaze is unknown.

TWO LIGHT PLANTS SOLD

FINE HERTZMAN, March 22. (Sp.)—The sale of two plants belonging to the Arkansas Light and Power company was announced here Saturday by H. C. Couch, president of the company. The power plant at Magnolia was sold to the Consumers Ice and Light company for \$25,000 and the power plant at Marianna was sold to the Peoples Light and Power company of that city for \$4,750.

Mr. Couch said that the two plants were disposed of because they were too far from the transmission lines of the company, that extensions could not be made.

Mr. Couch has just returned from Washington city where he has been for the past three weeks negotiating for the plain acid plant at Picon, near Little Rock.

118 YEARS OLD SHE HAS DAUGHTER 70

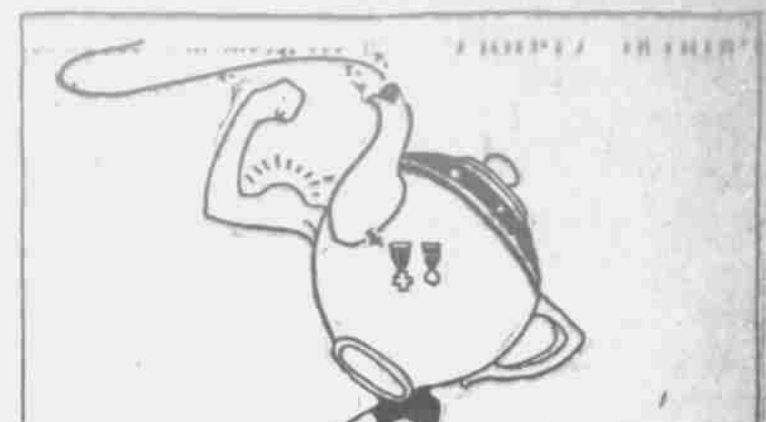
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 22.—In taking the census of Polk county, enumerators of the Third congressional district found an old woman who gave her age as 118 years. She is Mrs. Sarah Link. She is partially blind, but her mind is clear and she has a wonderful fund of reminiscences. Mrs. Link has been married twice, and by her first husband she had twelve children, all of whom are dead except the youngest daughter, Margaret Smith, who recently celebrated her seventieth birthday. She has records to prove her birth, December 25, 181, in Cherokee county, N. C.

TO ELECT CHANCELLOR

YAZOO CITY, Miss., March 22. (Sp.)—On order of Gov. Lee M. Russell, a special election is to be held in Yazoo county on Wednesday, April 14, for the purpose of electing a chancellor for the Fifth chancery court district to a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Lamar P. Easterling.

CHILD DIES OF INJURY

MERIDIAN, Miss., March 22.—Winston M. Waller, Jr., the 18-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Waller, who was injured by a street car late Thursday, died from his injuries. The child was in charge of a negro nurse, who recently celebrated her seventieth birthday. She has records to prove her birth, December 25, 181, in Cherokee county, N. C.



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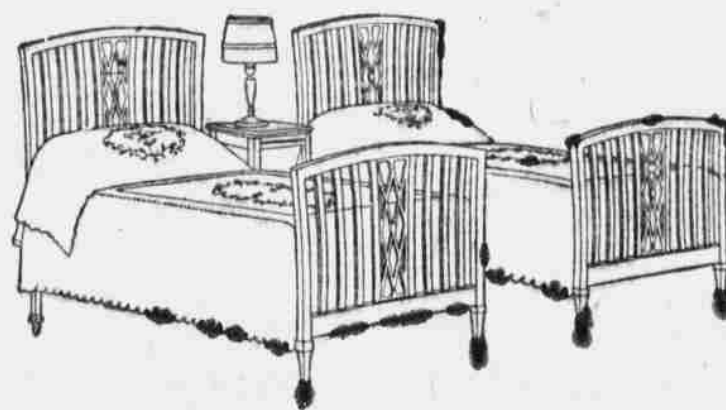
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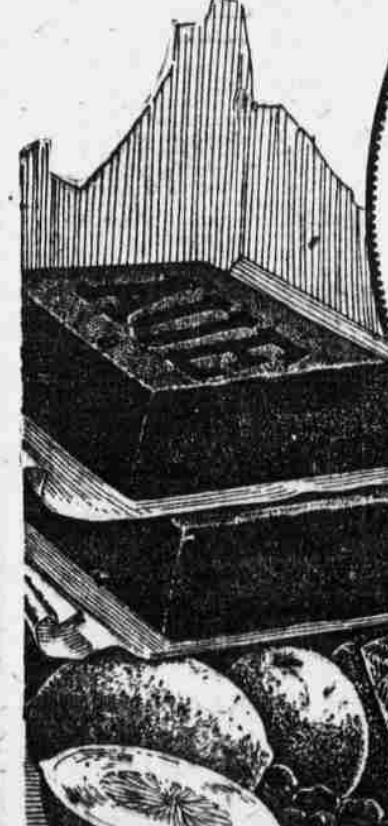


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